

## Annual Section 106 Meetings – 2005

- Not certain whether a FHWA funded project will be exempt from Section 106 consultation?
- What is my project's Area of Potential Effect? What IS an Area of Potential Effect?
- What information can I gather for Local Programs to facilitate consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Tribes?
- If historic properties or cultural resources will be impacted by my project, what should I do?

The Washington State Department of Transportation Cultural Resources office, in collaboration with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Federal Highway Administration, is holding an Annual Section 106 Review meeting in your WSDOT Region to provide an informal review to State and Local Agency projects potentially needing consultation under the Historic Preservation Act. In example, projects: requiring new Right-of-Way, where a stream or other watercourse enters or crosses the Right-of-Way, which involve newly disturbed ground, and where historic or cultural properties are known or believed likely to exist. In addition, see the LAG Manual, Chapter 24.82.

**These informal reviews do not take the place of consultation**, but do provide an opportunity for SHPO, Tribes, and other interested parties to comment on proposed projects, and for proponents to consider these comments and take action as necessary. Early and on-going consultation not only helps preserve historic and cultural resources, but also provides information you need to manage the various cultural resource requirements - and timelines - for your projects.

If you would like to participate in the next Section 106 Annual Review meeting contact your Local Programs Engineer and prepare presentation materials as you feel necessary to convey information about your project in a group setting. Past participants have used aerial photos, easels, handouts, preliminary Cultural Resource Surveys, and other supporting documents. The meeting locations and times will be announced in December of 2004.